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**March 27, 2015**



**Saturday, March 28 11:00am-4:00pm**  
**Jesup Blair Park and Montgomery College-Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus**  
***rain or shine!***

The inaugural [Montgomery County GreenFest](#) is coming to Silver Spring! The festival will feature educational, entertaining and family-friendly activities, 80 exhibits, plus workshops suitable for all ages, food, music and a green film festival. See the [news release](#) | [Calendar](#).

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## **LEGGETT HAILS STATE PASSAGE OF \$20 MILLION MATCHING FUND FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING**

Last year, Leggett joined with County Executives Rushern Baker of Prince George's County and Kevin Kamenetz of Baltimore County, as well as with the Montgomery delegation and the Montgomery County Board of Education, in a campaign to win approval of a new source of school construction revenue from the State to be matched by the counties to address school construction needs.

Legislation sponsored by Ways and Means Chairman Sheila Hixson (D20- Montgomery County) and Senator Nancy King (D39- Montgomery County) calls for \$20 million more annually in school construction funding to be divided among counties (1) where student enrollment growth exceeds 150% of the statewide average over the past 5 years; or (2) with an average of more than 300 relocatable classrooms over the past 5 years.

The House Appropriations Committee will include \$20 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2015 as part of the State Capital Budget bill, also passed today. The Senate Budget and Taxation Committee is also expected to pass the legislation today.

See more at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14676](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14676)

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***County Celebrates March as Middle Eastern American Heritage Month!***

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## Montgomery County Ranks #1 as State's Healthiest County

Leggett Hails Montgomery County's #1 Rank as State's Healthiest County "This ranking didn't happen by accident. The County, working with our many community partners, is focused on making sure that all County residents get access to adequate health care. Through our parks & recreation we encourage physical activity and wellness. We were a pioneer in assuring smoke-free restaurants and have enabled customers to be able to make more healthy food choices. Our Local Liquor Control helps us to better protect the public health."

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Adults between the ages of 18 and 64 must have health coverage, or pay a tax penalty. If you paid a 2014 tax penalty, received a reduction in your 2014 tax refund, and do not have health coverage, there is still time to avoid a larger penalty for the 2015 tax year. ENROLL TODAY to reduce 2015 tax year penalties! The sooner you enroll, the less you pay. For more information, visit [www.capitalhealthconnection.org](http://www.capitalhealthconnection.org). **The deadline is April 30!**

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### **Public Health Experts, Police Take on Liquor Privatization at Council Hearing** **NIH: Local Liquor Control Better Protects Public Health** **Washington State: Number of Liquor Stores, Bars Increased Over 300 % After Privatization** **Police: "Don't Make Our Jobs Harder"**

Read more at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14674](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14674)

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## Leggett & Johnson Open New WSSC Office at County's Department of Permitting Services

Another innovative improvement in processing development approvals was announced by County Executive Ike Leggett and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) General Manager and CEO Jerry Johnson. WSSC has opened an office at the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) in Rockville that will make it more convenient and efficient for customers to obtain assistance with development and construction approvals from DPS and WSSC.

Read more at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14620](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14620)

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## Applications Being Accepted for August 2015 Police Citizen Academy

- WHAT: The Montgomery County Police Department is currently accepting applications for the next session of the Citizen Academy. The Academy is free.
- WHO: Participants must be 18 years of age or older and either live or work in Montgomery County.
- WHEN: The next Citizen Academy is scheduled to begin on August 18, 2015.

For more details, go to <http://www.mymcpnews.com/2015/03/27/applications-being-accepted-for-august-2015-police-citizen-academy/> or <http://www.mymcpnews.com>

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## County Seeks Volunteers for Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14657](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14657)

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### *BlackRock Center for the Arts* 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown



#### **Beijing Guitar Duo**

**Chamber, World Music | Sunday, Apr 12, 2015 | 3:00 PM**

The Beijing Guitar Duo, composed of Meng Su and Yameng Wang, is widely noted for its outstanding technique and artistic musicality of classical guitar repertoire. [Read more](#)



#### **Fatoumata Diawara**

**World Music | Friday, Apr 17, 2015 | 8:00 PM**

Perpetuating Mali's rich musical tradition, Fatoumata Diawara presents a joyous mix of the vibrant and understated, combining songs about love, politics and empowerment with arresting melodies soaring over intricate guitar and drum arrangements. This engagement of Ms. Diawara is made possible through the Mid Atlantic Tours program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment for Arts. [Read more...](#)

*For more information, visit [www.blackrockcenter.org](http://www.blackrockcenter.org)*

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#### **Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>